

1 METHOD FOR DETERMINING A WARRANTY START DATE

3 Abstract of the Disclosure

4 A method for determining a warranty start date for a product has steps of
5 determining a warranty start event and generating a warranty start date after
6 occurrence of the warranty start event. The timestamp may be generated
7 through a query to a time server on a network connected to the product.
8 Preferred examples of warranty start events comprise first use by the user, and
9 production of a specified cumulative quantity of product output. The warranty
10 start event as well as the generated warranty start date are preferably stored on
11 a memory internal to the product.

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